1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cotton#	137.29	59.2	164.29	19.7	184.99	12.6
Jute$	102.52	-0.2	93.99	-8.3	99.70	6.1
Mesta$	9.21	-8.1	8.73	-5.2	8.70	-0.3
Sugarcane**	2338.61	-18.6	2370.88	1.4	2811.72	18.6

* Million Tonnes
** Lakh Tonnes
# Lakh bales of 170 kg. each
$ Lakh bales of 180 kg. each
Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

Fishery harbours in Kerala

1955. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Kerala has submitted four separate projects and schemes for constructing fishery harbours at Thalai in Kannur district, Kasargod in Kasargod district, Chettuvai in Thrissur district and Cheruvathur in Kasargod district;

(b) if so, the details of each project and the financial implication of these projects;

(c) the decision of the Central Government to provide sanction for these schemes; and

(d) if sanctioned, the details of the expenses to be involved, and to what extent the Central assistance would be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Union Ministry of Agriculture has accorded approval to the proposal of Government of Kerala for construction of fishing harbour at Thalai in Kannur district amounting to Rs. 1925.74 lakhs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme and the Central Government will bear 50% capital cost of the project.

The Government of Kerala is to establish the techno-economic viability and confirm availability of land and environmental clearance in respect of fishing harbour projects at Chettuvai (Trichur Distt.) and Cheruwathur (Kasargod Distt.) As regards the proposal for construction of fishing harbour at Kasargod, the Government of Kerala has been requested to submit restructured project report.

Chemical fertilizers and pesticides

1956. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA :
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government consider it important to minimize the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides on the soil; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Government is promoting Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) which envisage soil test based balanced and judicious use of chemical fertilizers along with organic manures and bio-fertilizers as supplementary source of plant nutrients and also Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to minimize the indiscriminate and injudicious use of chemical pesticides.

Degradation of agricultural land

1957. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of geographical area of 328.60 million hectares, 148.82 million hectares suffers from various kind of degradation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the causes therefor; and

(c) how many hectares of degraded land fall under agricultural land and the steps taken to upgrade the same for agricultural purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) As per National Bureau of